

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1295

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ed Hennessee for his distinguished service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hennessee is one such estimable person who, throughout his exemplary thirty-five year tenure with the Treasury Department, has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and to his State; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee Technological University with a degree in business, Ed Hennessee began his career with the Treasury Department shortly after his graduation, having been present in a fraternity house in Cookeville when Treasury employee Joe Wilson called to ask if anyone needed a job; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Ed Hennessee began his professional career in the enrollment section of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) and would spend the next thirty-plus years working his way up the management chain in all areas of TCRS to eventually reach his current position as Assistant Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, his broad TCRS experience and vast knowledge has made Ed Hennessee the "go to" guy on all things retirement in the State of Tennessee, ranging from the law to systems development, providing information and insight to questions from state legislators and other state officials as well as "counseling" fellow state employees about the importance of saving for retirement; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate of the State of Tennessee's Deferred Compensation program, Mr. Hennessee is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and has provided advice to a

number of fellow employees. He is also a past president of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators; and

WHEREAS, proud to serve his country as a member of the National Guard, Mr. Hennessee holds the rank of Major in the Finance Division and served overseas in Germany in Operation Joint Endeavor from December 1995 to July 1996; and

WHEREAS, a card fanatic who can regularly be found playing Rook at lunch time, Ed Hennessee has also enjoyed athletic competition over the years, playing on the Treasury softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hennessee's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Ed Hennessee is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Kristy, a former Treasury employee, and their two children and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ed Hennessee has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his immediate colleagues, his fellow state employees, and the members of the Tennessee General Assembly, both past and present; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hennessee is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mr. Ed Hennessee for his many years of honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for success in his future endeavors and a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.